



RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

1) There is a four-way (4-way) restriction requirement amongst groups I. (Claims 1-5); group II (claims 6-10); group III; and group IV, claims 21-32).

2) Applicants have elected claims 1-5 (Group I) for prosecution on the merits, **with traverse.**

The restriction between Groups I, II and II has been partially traversed by making the subject matter of groups II and III dependent from the subject matter of claim 1, the sole independent claim in Group I. Claims 21-32 have been cancelled as drawn to non-elected subject matter, applicants reserving the right to file a divisional application on the subject matter of those cancelled claims.

Claims 6-20 should be examined on the merits as they have been integrated into the subject matter of claims 1-5.

3) Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as indefinite.

The claims have been amended to address these issues. This rejection has been overcome by the amendments to the claims.

It is to be further noted that the step of “exposing” or as now recited “showing” does not require that the rank or card be previously unexposed. The showing or exposing can be an original step, without requiring a card to have been provided as un-exposed or hidden or face-down. The original language is believed to have been satisfactory, but alternative language has been provided.

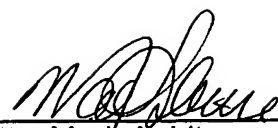
4) Claims 1-5 have been rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of Patent Application SN 10/658,865.

A terminal disclaimer has been filed which completely removes this rejection.



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